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## THE NATIONAL ERA.

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 11, 1851.

### THE RELATIONS OF SPAIN AND ENGLAND.

The articles from the *London Times*, published on our fourth page, throw a little light on the relations of Spain to England and France, as it regards Cuba. The *Advertiser* says that "the Spanish Government has an express guarantee of aid from France and England for the protection of Cuba, if necessary." Protection against what—foreign invasion, or domestic violence, or both? The declaration of one of the Spanish Ministers, quoted by the *Advertiser*, leaves no doubt.

All this goes to show that, at the present time, the naval force of England and France and the state of our relations with those countries offer us the certain means of preserving our hold on Cuba. We have only to use our influence to assure the Spanish, that, while the Spanish Government possesses in the island of Cuba a brave General and great elements of internal strength, none can attack our territory with impunity.

The declaration from its terms, and from the fact that it was made in reply to the suggestion by Stanyer Badia, of the danger of annexation by the United States, refers evidently to security against invasion, not insurrection. We have no reason to believe that the Government alluded to have guaranteed Cuba to Spain against the dangers of domestic revolution. The declaration of the Spanish Minister is not even a positive assertion that there is a *guaranty against invasion*. It may simply mean that such are the pecuniary relations of Spain to England and France, that our naval force, in the event of a revolution in the former, they would promptly aid it by their naval forces in protecting its rights against an invader. This construction is rendered probable by the language of the *London Times*, which says nothing about a positive guaranty, but merely of an obligation, growing out of pecuniary reasons, to prevent the transfer of the island to another Power.

No one of us doubt, that the Government of the United States attempt to invade and take possession of Cuba, we should have a right to resist, and call for all from whom we could expect, and whose might be disposed to render it; and there can be no doubt, that on such a call, England and France would have right to assist her. It would be a question of policy, for themselves to decide; and it is a question for our Government to consider, whether it be expedient, by any hostile attempt on Cuba, to provoke such a naval force in protecting its rights against an invader. This construction is rendered probable by the language of the *London Times*, which says nothing about a positive guaranty, but merely of an obligation, growing out of pecuniary reasons, to prevent the transfer of the island to another Power.

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And this is what the *London Times* proposes, not only as the true policy of England and France, but also of America.

"We hope," it says, "that it (the Cabinet of Washington) may not be wholly disposed to concur with other Governments in endeavoring to preserve the permanent union of Cuba with the Crown of Spain."

France may disengage herself by lending its bayonet to the re-establishment and protection of the civil and ecclesiastical domination of Rome; England may do the same; but we may be surprised if Napoleon III, forsooth, have the impudence to propose for the despot of Russia, Austria, or Prussia, that for the poor victims of their infernal ambition; but they must not expect the Government of the United States to concur with them in this policy, or to assent to any attempt to practice it in this hemisphere. One doubtless would be, whether it be to friendly Power, what is its own honor and its true interest demand. Nor will it permit its treaty obligations to be violated, or armed aggression from its forces against Cuba. But in this case, the people and the people and the Despotism that grinds them to the earth, it will sympathize with the former, because they will be struggling for principles "in which it lives and moves and has its being." It will sympathize with them, as it has done heretofore, with the patriots of South America, and Poland, and Greece, and France, and Rome, and Hungary; and it will insist upon fair play; it will claim for a People struggling into political existence, that the English Power lifts its hand against them; let the French do the same, and the English will do the same, without extraneous interference; if Spain be unable to maintain her dominion over Cuba, without English and French bayonets, then she has no right to dominion there; if the Cubans are able to achieve their independence against all the power of Spain, it is God's charter for their independent existence, and no other nation has a right to say, "No." The United States would deserve to lose their own nationality, could they degrade themselves by concurring with, or conniving at, any attempt by the part of England and France to preserve the revolution in Cuba, and compel it to remain in perpetual vassalage to the despotism of Spain."

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Even then, should the Cubans triumph, we repeat, the colored race would at least be half, if not more; and there would be a chance for the maintenance of its condition. But we must not forget, that in the struggle for independence, it is not improbable, as we proved last week's *Erast*, that emanations of power, brought about by the colored race, as a set of the most ignorant, would be the Cubans themselves, with a view of securing allies who might otherwise be suddenly led loose against them.

In view of all these considerations, the philanthropists of this country and of Great Britain can have no ground for invoking the interference of their respective Governments, as they relate to the revolutionaries of Cuba, but must wish them success, trusting to the Almighty to control and shape the course of events, so that the cause of Humanity may in every contingency be the gainer.

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